

President has declared "a major disaster," detailed information on the extraordinary natural disturbance is not required; however, the seriousness of the road damage must be documented. Pictures showing the kinds and extent of damage and sketch maps detailing the damage areas should be included in the field report.

(2) Unless very unusual circumstances prevail, the field report should be prepared within 6 weeks following the applicant's notification.

(c) *Application.* Before funds can be made available, an application for ER must be made to, and approved by the FHWA Administrator. The application shall be submitted to the FHWA Division Administrator, who will forward it through channels to FHWA Headquarters. The application shall include:

(1) A copy of the Governor's proclamation, request for a Presidential declaration, or a Presidential declaration; and

(2) A copy of the field report.

(d) *Approval of application.* The Federal Highway Administrator's approval of the application constitutes the finding of eligibility under 23 U.S.C. 125 and shall constitute approval of the application.

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§ 668.113 Program and project procedures.

(a) Immediately after approval of an application, the FHWA Division Administrator will notify the applicant to proceed with preparation of a program which defines the work needed to restore or replace the damaged facilities. It should be submitted to the FHWA Division Administrator within 3 months of receipt of this notification. The FHWA field office will assist the applicant and other affected agencies in preparation of the program. This work may involve joint site inspections to view damage and reach tentative agreement on type of permanent corrective work to be undertaken. Program data should be kept to a minimum, but should be sufficient to identify the approved disaster or catastrophe and to permit a determination

of the eligibility and propriety of proposed work. If the field report is determined by the FHWA Division Administrator to be of sufficient detail to meet these criteria, additional program support data need not be submitted.

(b) *Project procedures.* (1) Projects for permanent repairs shall be processed in accordance with regular Federal-aid procedures, except in those cases where a regular Federal-aid project (in a State) similar to the ER project would be handled under the certification acceptance procedures found in 23 U.S.C. 117 or the project oversight exceptions found in 23 U.S.C. 106, the ER project can be handled under these alternate procedures subject to the following two conditions:

(i) Any betterment to be incorporated into the project and for which ER funding is requested must receive prior FHWA approval; and

(ii) The FHWA reserves the right to conduct final inspections on ER projects as deemed appropriate.

(2) Simplified procedures, including abbreviated plans should be used where appropriate.

(3) Emergency repair meets the criteria for categorical exclusions pursuant to 23 CFR 771.117 and normally does not require any further National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) approvals.

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Subpart B—Procedures for Federal Agencies for Federal Roads

§ 668.201 Purpose.

To establish policy, procedures, and program guidance for the administration of emergency relief to Federal agencies for the repair or reconstruction of Federal roads which are found to have suffered serious damage by a natural disaster over a wide area or by catastrophic failure.

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§ 668.203 Definitions.

(a) *Applicant.* Any Federal agency which submits an application for emergency relief and which has authority to repair or reconstruct Federal roads.